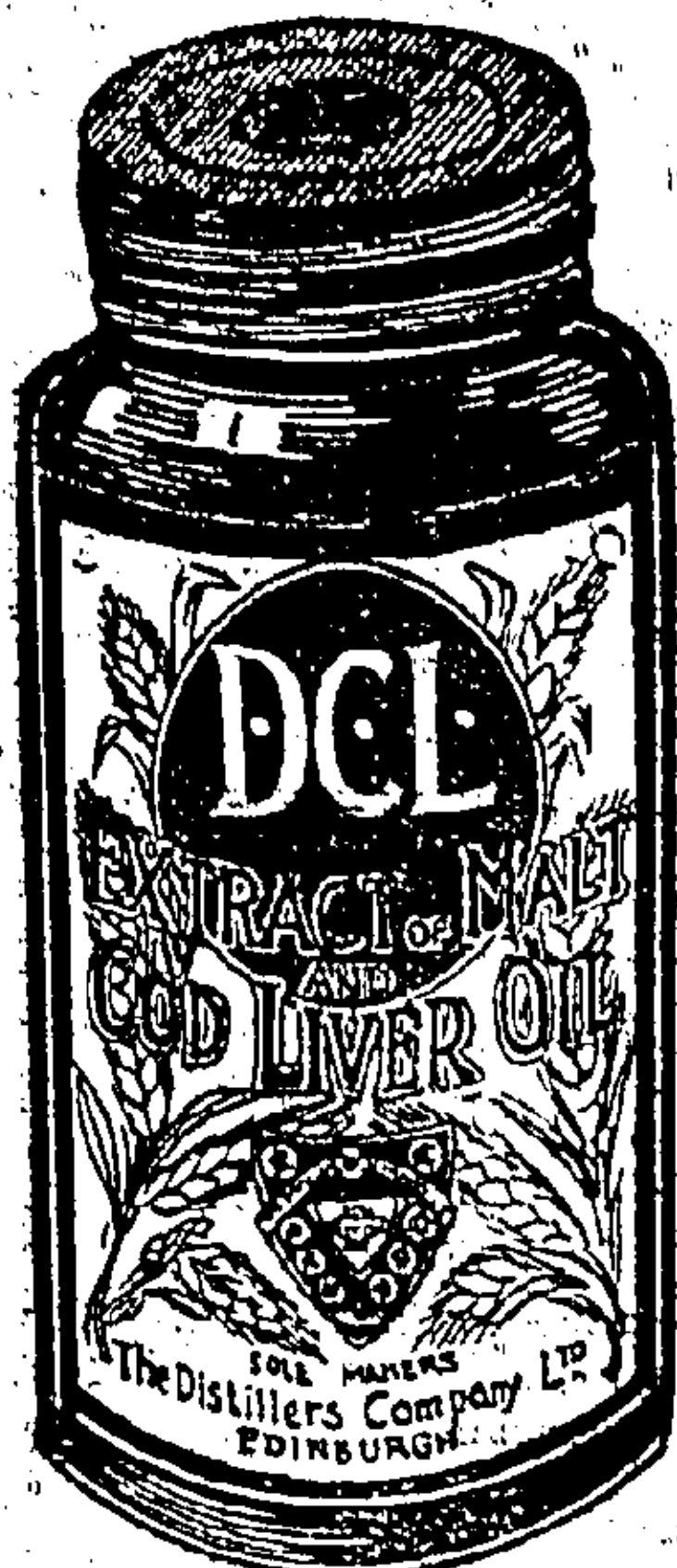




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FIASCO IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Information has reached London to the effect that on December 15th the Czechoslovak National Assembly, by the votes of all parties excepting the Communists, passed at the first reading a bill for the amendment of the law relating to the tax on property. By the terms of the first paragraph, the tax on property and on the increase of property will be reduced by 50 per cent. where the value on March 1st, 1919, did not exceed 50,000 crowns. In the case of the tax on the increase of property, the reduction is on a sliding scale, and varies from 50 per cent. where the initial value in 1914 did not exceed 50,000 crowns, to a per cent. where the initial value attained, but did not exceed, 1,000,000 crowns. In accordance with paragraph 3, the financial authorities can sanction a reduction in the tax in special cases, and according to paragraph 6 the tax on the increase in the value of immovables can, in certain cases, be deducted from the tax on the increase of property. "The amendment," it is added, "is to be regarded as an expression of the changes which have taken place during the last two or three years in the economic affairs of Czechoslovakia, as a result of the rise in the crown."

As a matter of fact, the new bill is an official admission of the complete failure of the Capital Levy, which was introduced some time ago, but which, as experience has shown, has proved to be totally unworkable, just as all economists predicted would be the case. It has been known for months past that the Czechoslovakian Government recognised the failure of the measure.

DECAY OF LONDON PREACHING.

O. O. writes in the Weekly Westminster:

Most laymen would applaud that saying of Henry Crawford in "Mansfield Park" that "a thoroughly good sermon, thoroughly well delivered, is a capital gratification."

Since Henry Crawford's day I fear that educated congregations have sadly dwindled as far as London is concerned. So also has pulpit eloquence. Of the preaching in the larger London churches—fashionable churches, as they were once termed—I have little knowledge, as I seldom frequent them, though I am assured that in them a sermon not bereft of all merit may still occasionally be heard.

But of the preaching in the London cathedrals, St. Paul's and the Abbey, I can speak with some measure of confidence and a large measure of freedom. It is very stuffy, or, at all events, it makes sorry hearing. Indeed, neither at St. Paul's nor the Abbey to-day is there a single divine within the tradition, the great tradition, of English preaching.

Dean Inge is perhaps the most acute intellect in the English Church; but his brilliancy is not primarily pulpit brilliancy, and he is confessedly out of his element when it is amongst the Cathedral dignitaries of London. Dean Inge stands quite alone intellectually; but he is not the great preacher. St. Paul's can show one other canon of real intellectual attainment, one, moreover, who as a preacher promised great things, but has curiously failed to develop into the force that was looked for. After these two men St. Paul's sinks into sheer mediocrity.

At the Abbey the standard of learning is, on the whole, considerably superior to that of St. Paul's, at least three members of its staff being scholars of distinction. But the Abbey preaching is quite abnormally dull. In fact, in both places, Dean Inge always excepted, the preaching transgresses the Austenian standard, being neither new, nor striking, nor arresting. At times it is frankly boring. It would be surprising to mention names, yet both at St. Paul's and Westminster there are certain canons whose appointment to their present posts must be due to a process of selection as inscrutable in origin as it is melancholy in result. In other days these gentlemen, if I may express myself rudely, would not have been even amongst the starters for a London canonry. They shine neither as scholars nor preachers.

Within even my own memory the London cathedrals have held such preachers as Charles Gore, Henry Scott Holland, W. C. E. Newbolt, Hensley Henson, and Cosmo Gordon Lang. To-day nothing approaching such power is to be found in them. Amongst them they possess not one big voice; they proclaim no big message.

It may be that great preachers are scarce in England. But that there are more able preachers in the country than either of these two cathedrals can present us with at the moment will not be denied by any qualified judge, though I am aware how opinion as to what constitutes good preaching will vary.

There must be something very wrong in a system under which obviously middle talented preachers so monotonously arrive in these most important public places. What that system is I cannot pretend to know; but clearly it is one which skilfully manages to select the unfit. Anyhow the result from the point of view of religion is deeply to be deplored.

THE YOUNGEST M.P.

The youngest member of the new House of Commons is the Hon. Charles Rhye, who won the Romford division of Essex for the Conservatives. Mr. Rhye is 24, and has no previous experience of politics when he presented himself at the Conservative Central Office as a potential candidate for the first time only a few days before the election nominations. The seat which he won had been held by Captain A. E. Martin, a Lloyd George Liberal, since 1918, his majority at the last election being more than 4,000. In a three-cornered contest Mr. Rhye converted this into a Conservative majority of 478. Eldest son of the late Lord and Lady Dunsany, Mr. Rhye joined the Guards in 1918. He was detached from taking part in the closing stages of the fighting in France by his youth. Later, when eligible for foreign service, he volunteered to go to North Russia, where he was awarded the Military Cross and a Russian decoration.

POPES TEMPORAL POWERS.

The *Osservatore Romano*, the organ of the Vatican, published an article protesting against the interpretation put by certain Italian and foreign journals to the visit of the King and Queen of Spain to the Pope, namely, that it signified final renunciation on the part of the Pope of all dreams of recovering temporal power, (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Morning Post*). The *Osservatore* denies that the Vatican, by granting permission to the Catholic King and Queen to come to Rome acquiesced in any way in the abnormal situation created for the Pontiff by the unhappy 20th September, 1920, the day on which Italian troops entered Rome and the Pope shut himself up in the Vatican.

The newspaper quotes the Encyclical published by Benedict XV. three years ago by which that permission was first accorded, and which contains the following passage: "At the same time we solemnly proclaim this concession must not be interpreted as tacit renunciation of our sacrosanct right. On the contrary, we renew the protests of our predecessors."

The article concludes: "The wound opened on September 20th, 1920, cannot be cured by blandishments. It is and will remain open until such measures are taken as will not only ensure to the Holy See the enjoyment of liberty and independence, which are its right, but will also convince the whole world that it really enjoys them." This statement has caused considerable sensation here, and is much commented on. The general opinion is that it would have been better to let sleeping dogs lie. According to the *Epoch*, the article is so strange and inopportune that "one is almost inclined to doubt whether it interprets in any way the thought of the Holy See."

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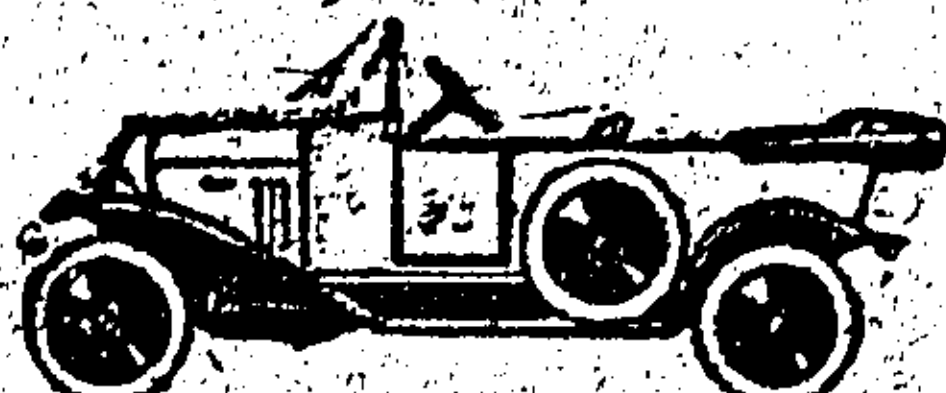
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Forwards published on December 18th, an interview which was recently given by Lord Haldane to the London correspondent of "The Times". The London correspondent had been describing the deep moral depression from which Germany is suffering and the growth of political extremes in which it is manifested.

"The Germans," Lord Haldane said, "are a great people, a tenacious, an industrious, and indestructible people. I may claim to know them well. In England I am generally considered pro-German—and rightly so. My feelings towards Germany have never altered, and I have never concealed them. That is why I am still confident in her future. The Germans are certainly passing through a difficult period, but we in England will not cease to put our whole weight into the task of mediation between France and Germany."

Lord Haldane went on to say that he was confident that every German had sufficient sense to realize that a return of the Monarchy would not benefit his country, and that there could be no permanent dismemberment of the Reich. He was convinced that there would be no new war in the next 20 years, and he hoped for a much longer period.

At this point the correspondent of "Forwards" referred to the Haldane mission of 1919. "Lord Haldane answered me," he says, "in a tone of unspoken bitterness, but with the utmost decisiveness:—'If they had listened to me then in Berlin, if they had shown more understanding of my proposals, there would have been no world war.'—Times.

AMAZING SURGERY.

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An extraordinary story of an Arab whose brains were dashed out by a fall of forty feet, but who returned to work after three months in hospital, is told in a letter published in the "British Medical Journal."

The man was painting the framework of the Ashraf Lighthouse, in the Red Sea, when he fell on the cement base.

A piece of the skull bone was found on the cement, and brains with it. "The light-keeper gathered up the brains with a spoon," says the writer, "put them back in the skull, and fitted the piece of bone into its place, making a sort of cement of coffee grounds."

The man was then put in a box made of old packing cases, and taken to hospital at Suva. It was found that he had several ribs broken as well, but he was back again at work after three months.

The writer of the letter states that he knew all the persons concerned in this remarkable case.

A London surgeon said that he did not believe the Arab was as seriously injured as the report suggested. "No man with such injuries could survive such primitive treatment," he said.

"The skull of an Arab, like that of the negro races, is thick, but the effect of a smashed skull is the same on all men, black or white. There can be no recovery."

BOTTOMLEY AND THE WARDERS.

In addition to the dismissal of two warders for alleged complicity in smuggling Bottomley's writings from prison, the "Weekly Dispatch" states that twenty others have been punished with fines and loss of privileges after a thorough enquiry by the Board, including the Inspector of Prisons, which has issued new and more stringent regulations for prison discipline.

The new rules include an alteration of the prisoners' routine, the transference of the warders to new blocks and stricter supervision over tradesmen. The whole of the changes are designed to prevent collusion between warders or between the warders and the outside world. Even the senior warders will now be kept in ignorance of the movements of the high officials with a view to enforcing strict obedience to the regulations.

It appears that Bottomley established widespread intimacy with the warders, who called him "Mr. Bottomley" instead of by his prison number. He wrote to a firm of publishers asking them to employ a warder's son, who, it is alleged, used to convey parcels from Bottomley's friends to the prison. He also offered to find positions for the sons of other warders. Some of the warders accepted the hospitality of Bottomley's friends and allowed Bottomley to have champagne lunches with his friends when taken from prison for bankruptcy examination.

REINSTATING THE POPE.

"Many English people are coming to think that this country made a mistake 200 years ago in not holding on to the Pope," said Cardinal Bourne, speaking at the annual inter-guild conference of the Catholic Evidence Guild in St. Paul's Town Hall on November 24th. "We members of the Catholic Evidence Guild are out to reinstate the Pope; we want him to be the spiritual and ethical leader of this country, and we are not hiding the fact at all," the Cardinal added. "The first thing we have to do to bring this about is to let the people know about the Pope, for if we only get the people of this country to know the Pope, and submit themselves to him, then all the other difficulties we talk about will vanish. If we only succeed in getting the Pope reinstated in the hearts of English people we shall have our heart's desire." The Cardinal said he believed that if they put their souls into the Catholic Guild the spirit now spreading throughout England would have a wonderful effect in bringing back the Catholic faith to the country. (Cheers.)

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The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Jan. 25th is as follows:—

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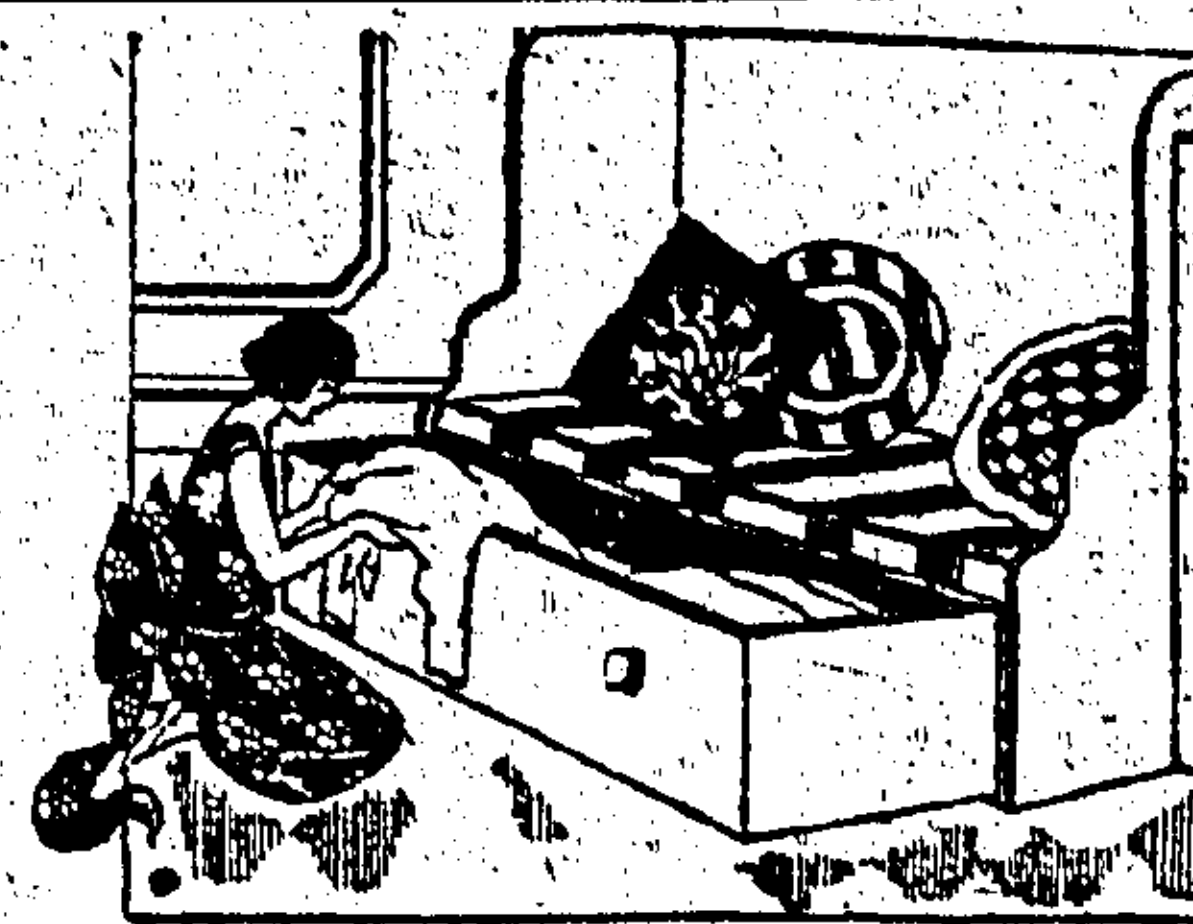
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DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI ENGINEER. INTERESTING CAREER OF MR. JOHN BLECHYNDEN.

In an account of the career of the late Mr. John Blechynden who died on January 8th in New Zealand in his 80th year, a writer in the *Shanghai Mercury* says he served his apprenticeship at Newcastle with the firm of Messrs. Thompson & Boyd, then famous as marine engineers.

His apprenticeship being completed in 1867, he went out to Egypt, where he had a most adventurous career, working on railways and also serving in a Turkish Government vessel operating in the Red Sea before the Suez Canal opened, the engineers being the only foreigners on board.

GOES TO SEA AND THE FAR EAST.

Returning to England, he went to sea in the capacity of marine engineer, eventually going out to Japan in one of the Yubin Kaisha's vessels. He sailed some years under the above Company, which was the predecessor of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. It is of interest to note that in order to do so he had to qualify for a first engineer's certificate under the Shipping Laws of Japan. This certificate, which was one of his most cherished possessions, was the third one issued.

After some years' service in Japanese vessels, in one of which he acted in the dual capacity of Captain and Chief Engineer, he went home, marrying a Miss Lindsay of Berwick-on-Tweed, going out to New Zealand in 1878. He commenced farming in Cabbage Bay, doing extremely well, his three elder children being born there. Misfortune, however, overtaking him he sold out his farm and stock and went back to Japan, where he obtained a position as manager and engineer of some large paper works near Kobe, which were in a very run down condition at that time. By his resource and capability he soon had the concern in a most flourishing condition. The Japanese then considered that they would dispense with his services, and accordingly did so.

BUSINESS IN KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

Mr. Blechynden then commenced a small shipyard near Kobe, where he soon had an excellent business; here misfortune again overtook him, as he lost nearly all of his money by the failure of a Bank in Kobe.

During his stay in Japan he lost his wife, who died in Victoria, B.C., in 1888 whilst on a visit there. After the lapse of some time he married Miss Newton, whose father had come out to Shanghai from the Elswick Works and was employed as a specialist in the Gun Department in the Kiangnan Arsenal, Shanghai.

In the early nineties, Mr. Blechynden came to Shanghai, joining the Shanghai Engine Works in the capacity of Manager. Here again his indomitable energy coupled with his wide experience soon made great changes in the development of the concern, as Mr. Blechynden was a man in whom implicit confidence was placed and who rarely failed to carry out what he set out to do.

Business increased so rapidly that it was soon forced an extension was necessary, for which larger premises would be required; and backed by some influential shipping interests, a large piece of land situated on the Pootung side of the river was acquired and a new Company formed called "The Shanghai Engineering, Shipbuilding and Dock Co., Ltd.," of which Mr. Blechynden assumed the management. Under his guidance and supervision, assisted by the late Capt. J. P. Roberts, a large Dry Dock was constructed and named The Oriental Dock (now known as The International Dock). This Dock was completed in 1898, and also the adjoining Workshops which were fitted out with the latest and most up-to-date machinery. Unfortunately, owing to the treacherous nature of the sub-soil, considerably more money had to be expended in the construction of the Dry Dock than had been foreseen, leaving the Company with practically no working capital, which hampered progress that it was compelled to merge its business with Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co., Ltd.

The confidence reposed in Mr. Blechynden and his acknowledged ability as an engineer soon found other and new support, resulting in the formation of a private Company called The New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works which commenced its operations in 1900, though not in a very pretentious manner. From small beginnings, on rented property occupying only about 15 acres of land, this private concern was made into a Limited Company in 1903, with a capital of £1,100,000. Its history is now too well known to require repetition, beyond stating that the success since achieved has necessitated many extensions, occupying an area of over 200 acres of land with workshops and plant second to none in Shanghai and a Dry Dock known as The Yangtze Dock of sufficient size to accommodate most of the largest vessels calling at this port.

A MAN OF ENERGY AND ABILITY.

These Works are the outcome of Mr. Blechynden's energy and able management and will remain as a commercial monument to his memory and enterprise. In the autumn of 1914 he retired and returned to New Zealand with the object of devoting his declining years leisurely on a farm, which he had meanwhile acquired, situated near Nelson. Being of a robust constitution, he was able to enjoy his well-earned retirement, though very unfortunately this was only comparatively of short duration, as about 3 years ago he was suddenly struck down with a paralytic seizure from which he never completely recovered.

His death took place on January 8th, this year, to the great regret of all his friends and relatives.

A NEW CHINESE BANK AT SHANGHAI. \$2,000,000 DEPOSITED WITHIN TWO HOURS.

The Mutual Bank of China, Ltd., commenced operations in Shanghai on the 19th inst. The head office of the bank is to be at Hongkong, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, but as it will take at least a year for the building that has been purchased by the bank directors to be pulled down, and a new building erected in its place, it was thought advisable by the directors of the new bank to open a branch in Shanghai in the meanwhile.

To give some estimate of the respect in which the sole proprietor of the Mutual Bank of China is held, it is noteworthy to hear that over \$2,000,000 were deposited by clients within two hours after the bank had been declared officially in existence.

The capital of the bank is \$1,000,000, and is owned solely by the son of a well-known and highly respected Hongkong multi-millionaire. Mr. T. W. Mok, the proprietor in question of the new bank, is also a millionaire, whose name is a household one, among Chinese, in Hongkong, Canton, and Shanghai.

Mr. Mok is well-known as the proprietor of the Shanghai Investment and Trading Co., and the number of foreign and Chinese representatives of other banks in Shanghai who attended the opening of the new bank was such that the best wishes of the banking fraternity of Shanghai were much in evidence.

As an inducement to new customers, the bank offered special rates for those who placed deposits within the three days. These clients will receive 7 per cent. on their Savings Accounts. After the three days, deposits will be on the basis of 5 per cent., current accounts in dollars will be at the rate of 2 per cent., and tail account, 3 per cent.

Two hours after this new bank started, over one thousand people opened accounts.

THE "PAUL REGARDANZ." A SENSATIONAL MUTINY AT SHANGHAI.

Mutiny occurred on the 19th inst. on the s.s. *Paul REGARDANZ*, which arrived at Shanghai from Hongkong on the previous day, and moored at the Kaiyosha Wharf. The Chinese firemen attacked the officers with spanners, pieces of iron, and files, and matters became so bad that the officers had to draw their revolvers and fire on the mutineers. Two of the Chinese were shot and wounded, whilst a number of others received injuries from the officers' fire. The Chief Engineer, Mr. Egglebrecht, was very badly man-handled and is now lying in hospital in a serious condition with about six cuts over the head. The other officers also received minor injuries. The vessel herself sails under the Panama flag, but nearly all her officers, both deck and engineer, are Germans. The captain is a German, named Fuhrmann. The *Paul REGARDANZ* is a large, though rather ill-kept ship, of from some 5,000 to 6,000 tons.

The trouble arose over a new batch of firemen being engaged to replace the old. It appears there had been some trouble with the old men on the way up from Hongkong, and as soon as the vessel arrived in port a new set were engaged. The original firemen attacked the new firemen, and it was when the officers interfered that they attacked them also.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. in a League match against the Navy 2nd XI:—E. C. Hagen (capt.), G. H. Piercy, C. V. Mark, D. H. F. McMaster, P. Jacks, J. A. H. Plummer, R. Stock, D. E. G. Nicholson, R. M. Macalpine, J. N. Owen and C. R. Baron.

SPORT. BOXING IN HONGKONG. CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT.

Local lovers of the "fancy" are promised a rattling good contest when A. B. Chadwick meets Stoker P. O. Jim Cartridge for the Featherweight Championship of the Colony.

The contest has been put forward a day, and will take place on Friday, February 8th, instead of Saturday the 9th. This is because the East Surrey Regiment is holding a Ball at the Theatre Royal on December 8th, and the Hongkong Boxing Association are likely to meet with all wishes (especially those of the military supporters of boxing) by advancing the affair one day. The venue will be that already announced—the Theatre Royal. Owing to the near approach of the Chinese New Year, the Association has decided to open booking on February 4th.

The fight—certainly one of the biggest ever staged in the Colony—is scheduled for fifteen rounds. Besides the Featherweight Championship, the winner will carry away the Scott Harston Belt. Chadwick, as is well known, holds the Lightweight Championship of the Colony, whilst Cartridge is the Featherweight Champion of the Imperial Services. The Association consider that in Chadwick they have found the best local representative to oppose the Stoker. There will also be a number of other contests, particulars of which will appear in these columns later. Heavy booking is anticipated.

CRICKET.

PEARCE REST.

A match will be played on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday between teams representing the Pank Residents and the rest as hereunder:—

Pank.—T. E. Pearce (capt.), R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, H. E. Hollands, L. D. McNeill, A. B. Raworth, F. C. Miller, Capt. Kent, W. Galway and F. Syme Thomson.

Rest.—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. G. Lammert, Rev. T. B. Powell, D. E. Donnelly, Lieut. Armstrong, Lieut. Allfree, R. E. Lindsell, J. P. Robinson, A. W. Ramsay, S. Tex and R. Pestonji.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. NAVY 2nd XI.

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I.R.C. 2nd XI. v. C.R.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI. in a League match against the Chinese Recreation Club 2nd XI. on the latter's ground tomorrow, commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—R. Rumi (capt.), Sirdar Khan, B. A. Moosdeen, Y. A. Watan, O. Rumi, H. D. Rumi, I. Hassan, M. P. Madani, A. Kitchell, A. H. M. Samy and R. Nazari.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. 2nd XI. v. H.M.S.

"MARAZON."

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI. in their 2nd division shield match with H.M.S. *Marazion* on the Club ground tomorrow. (Kick-off, 2.30 p.m.):—A. T. Groot, H. T. Buxton and D. Lyon; A. Ferguson, E. W. Raiton (capt.), and J. Gardner; E. B. Bell, D. Purves, C. H. Bell, W. Stewart and S. Goldenberg.

KOWLOON RES. v. "DIOMEDE."

The following have selected to represent the Kowloon Reserves in their 2nd division League fixture v. *Diomedea* Res. on the Navy "A" ground tomorrow (kick-off, 2.30 p.m.):—J. Beach, D. Urquhart and F. Ollier; A. W. Brown; S. Sibley and S. Randle; V. East, B. J. Vickers, W. H. Brown, A. Spary and B. Haylock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. W. Chapman.

AUSTRALIAN SLANG.

Miss Lily Titherage, sister of Miss Mado Titherage, the well-known actress, has been writing to the papers on the prevalence of slang in Australia. It is sometimes claimed that the Australians are creating a new race. They certainly have created a new language.

The late Lord Northcliffe was much struck when in Australia with the use of the words "fair cow." "Cow" is a pet Australian expression attached to anything that is a nuisance or causes trouble. A maid drops a plate. It is at once a "cow" of a job. "Cow of a train."

"Cow of a plate." On Sunday last I was greeted by a well-known Macquarie-street surgeon with the expression, "Cow of a day, isn't it?"

"Cow" of course, derives from the homely but vacuous beast that supplies our milk and beef, and the application is in reference to having to milk the beast at all unpleasant and inconvenient hours. At the present time real Australian slang, which is expressive, if not beautiful, is being overgrown by abbreviations. It is the "vogue" today to "abbreviate everything." "Aussie," for Australian, "Tassie" for Tasmanian, and so forth, a habit which is really only laziness.

THE LAPPA BATTLE. SEVEN PIRATES KILLED.

MR. PERDUE RETURNS TO
HONGKONG.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, who went to Macao on a mission of enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the rather sensational battle between the Customs cruiser, *Pak Tau*, and the Hongkong steam launch *Kwong Tok* which was stolen out of the Hongkong harbour by pirates on Sunday afternoon, returned yesterday. When Mr. Perdue went to Macao on Wednesday morning, he took with him a number of detectives. These have been left behind in Macao, apparently for the purpose of conducting further enquiries into the affair.

It is now stated that in the battle between the Customs cruiser and the launch, no fewer than seven pirates, who were on board, were killed in the fight. It appears that the launch, when it left Hongkong, called at Chek Wan where she was boarded by a large gang of pirates, numbering about 60. She was then steered in the direction of Macao for the purpose of pirating the passenger junk running between here and Shek-ki, but before the pirates' nefarious purpose could be carried out she was met and challenged by the Customs' cruiser. The launch was eventually sunk by shell fire from the cruiser, and the pirates and the crew were thrown into the water. In all 58 people were picked up from the sea, and it was then discovered that seven of the pirates had been killed.

It is stated that the pirates have been handed over to the Military Authorities at Chia Shan.

THE APPROACHING CHINESE NEW YEAR.

MAGISTRATE'S LENIENCY.

The approach of the Chinese New Year was Mr. Orme's reason for not sending a man and a boy to gaol yesterday morning. They were charged by Detective Sub-Inspector Cotton with false pretences in that they attempted to hand to a money-changer a roll of cash representing it as a roll of Canton twenty-cent pieces.

The case for the prosecution showed that the defendants had gone into a money-changer's shop and asked for \$22 in Hongkong notes to be changed into Chinese silver coins. They were given something over \$27. After walking a few paces from the counter, the man is alleged to have returned and handed back one roll purporting to contain \$10, for it to be exchanged back into Hongkong notes. The money-changer was suspicious and opened the roll, which looked exactly like his own, but found that it contained cash.

The defendants claimed that they were farmers who had just sold their produce in the Colony, and as Hongkong currency was of no use to them they got it changed. They claimed that the roll of cash was given to them at the shop and they knew nothing about it.

His Worship made the observation stated above, adding that they were not professors at their job. He ordered them to sign a personal bond of \$100 each to be of good behaviour for a month. The silver coins and cash will be returned to them.

EXCESS PASSENGERS.

STEAM LAUNCH MASTER FINED
\$100.

Before the Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Comdr. Conway Hake) yesterday, Leung Tai, master of the steam launch *Man Tai*, was charged with unlawfully carrying 123 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his license. The offence took place on the 15th inst.

Maurice Hope, P.S.A., deposed to being on patrol duty in the harbour on the day in question. He saw the *Man Tai* crossing the harbour from Hongkong to Yau-mati. He blew four blasts, and the launch stopped. Witness boarded her, and told the master that he would count the passengers on arrival at Yau-mati Ferry. This witness did, and discovered 240 adults and 6 children. Defendant's license covered but 141 passengers. Witness informed defendant that he would be summoned.

Defendant said that another steam launch, the *Man San*, got out of order at the wharf, and before he could do anything, the passengers from this vessel were transferred to the *Man Tai*.

Defendant was fined \$100 or three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The fine was paid.

DR. SUN'S "CONSTRUCTIVE GOVERNMENT"

The All-China Kuo-min-tang Convention, which is in session in Canton, attended by 215 delegates from all parts of China, is to decide the question of the establishment of the Constructive Citizens Government by Dr. Sun during the next week. It is reported, says the *Canton Gazette*, that the Convention is at the point of giving its approval to this important measure and the date of the establishment of the Government will be at the close of the Convention.

Certain prominent persons will be elected by the Convention to draft the Constitution of the new Government.

THE CANTON-KOWLOON LINE MILITARY GUARD FOR CHINESE SECTION.

In view of the importance of protecting the Canton-Kowloon Railway the Military Authorities at Canton have sent a large force of soldiers to be stationed at important places along the line. The South Brigade of the Yunnanese forces is instituting a careful search at the Shek-lung station.—*Canton Gazette*.

SEQUEL TO A RECENT PIRACY.

CASE OPENED AGAINST FIVE ALLEGED PIRATES.
SMART POLICE WORK.

The First Police Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) was occupied yesterday with a case brought by the Hongkong Police against five alleged pirates. They are charged with being concerned in the piracy of a steam ship, named the *Ka Nya*, which runs between Amoy, Chan Chau and Hing Wing (Fukien). Two of the five men also stand charged with unlawful possession of arms, whilst a woman (the first defendant) is also charged with being in possession of property believed to have been stolen outside Colony, to wit: on the s.s. *Ka Nya*. She is also charged with having in her unlawful possession a dagger.

The alleged piracy took place on December 3th when the ship was looted and 100 passengers (including several wealthy Chinese merchants) were robbed.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Assistant Crown Solicitor) opened the case for the Crown and Mr. R. E. A. Webster appeared to defend.

In the course of his outline of the case for the Crown, Mr. Hazlerigg said that the ship left Amoy on the 3th December at 7 a.m. for Chan Chau with a crew of 32, including the compradors staff, and 10 passengers. Among the passengers were a number of Chinese merchants who had returned from Java and the Straits and were on their way to their homes in Fukien. The merchants, as was usually the case, were carrying large sums of money and a considerable amount of jewellery. A dozen of these merchants had since been to Hongkong regarding the case and they estimated their loss at something like \$28,000, 21 gold rings and other articles of jewellery.

At 11:30 a.m. on the same day when the ship was at sea to the North-East of Amoy the pirates took possession of the ship. There appeared to have been about 25 in the gang. They were armed with revolvers and came into the wheel-house and threatened the coxswain, who from that time until the pirates left the ship, remained under armed guard. One of the principal guards, the coxswain and the head-seaman would say, was the second defendant who took an active part in the affair, giving the coxswain instructions as to the steering of the ship. He was compelled to steer the ship under threats in accordance with directions from the pirates. The ship was turned in a Southerly direction and the coxswain was given no chart to steer by.

Meanwhile the passengers were robbed of their valuables and their trunks were forced open and everything of value looted. One of the passengers, during these operations, was shot in the shoulder.

Continuing in a Southerly direction the steamed at full speed all through the day, going slowly at night, and continuing until early on the morning of the 7th December, when they arrived at what was apparently their rendezvous. The exact place was uncertain but some of the pirates informed the passengers it was Ping Hoi. At this place a number of shots were fired into the air from the ship and several junks and small boats came off from the shore. Into these boats the pirates loaded the loot and left for the shore, telling the people on board that they could return to Amoy. The ship returned as directed.

The sequel to these events came on the 14th December when a Chinese detective sergeant received certain information regarding two of the defendants. He followed them from Canton Road, Yau-mai, to Hongkong and trailed them until 5:45 p.m. when he obtained the assistance of Lance-Sergeant Dungy and another policeman and the two men taken into custody. One of these two men gave his address as 216, Canton Road, Yau-mai, where he said he was the principal tenant. The other man said he lived at No. 11, Portland Street, where nothing was known about him. This man had one \$500 bill and two \$100 bills, a diamond ring and other jewellery in his possession. The other man, who gave his address as 216, Canton Road, had also some jewellery in his possession.

On the same evening at 9:30 p.m. Inspector T. Murphy, accompanied by the same Chinese Detective-Sergeant, visited No. 216, Canton Road, with this defendant. There they found the female defendant. Turning back the sheet of the bed they found a dagger. This, the woman said, had been left there by a friend. Inspector Murphy then made the woman turn out her pockets and she produced rolls of Fukien banknotes, amounting to \$992 and one roll of Hongkong banknotes amounting to \$50, and six finger rings. In a box, claimed by the woman, were found, among other things, two rings which had been identified by victims of the piracy, who could produce bills proving their purchase. In the same floor was found the fourth defendant.

On the 6th January, the fifth and sixth defendants were arrested after having been turned off the s.s. *Hanoi* as undesirable. On the 8th January, 22 persons, who had been on board the s.s. *Ka Nya* when she was pirated, arrived in Hongkong. At 11 a.m. on the 9th January the fifth and sixth defendants

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THE PIRACY EPIDEMIC CAN NOTHING BE DONE?

The general subject of discussion during the last few days has naturally been the latest example of the growing audacity and cold-blooded villainy of our local pirates—for it is clear that Hongkong has the misfortune to be the headquarters of some, at least, of the thieves who levy such constant and heavy toll upon shipping and commerce.

Suggestions as to "What should be done" have, of course, been freely offered. A military officer—a "gallant Major"—would deal with the situation by "stopping all Chinese steamer passenger traffic out of Hongkong indefinitely." His remedy seems equivalent to that of a man who might decide upon suicide because he periodically felt a sharp pain on his foot.

Criticism of police searches is widely expressed. Travellers by steamer state that it is common for Chinese police searchers to offer to pass a package without examination in return for a dollar cumsha. If the offer is refused they make a sorry mess of the passenger's luggage by searching it thoroughly. This kind of thing gives a hint that for a higher bribe, the searchers would probably overlook packages which might contain arms. In this connection it will be remembered that as the result of representations made by the Chinese members of Council the Special Police Reserve was detailed for search supervision at the wharves during the war and it is significant that throughout that period not a single case of piracy was reported.

A business man with many years' experience in the Colony, in conversation with a *Daily Press* representative, expressed himself thus: "We are going about it the wrong way. It is clear that the pirates go on board at Hongkong, where the searchers must be either incompetent or dishonest. In either case, to the native searchers. The most I will say of those in charge of them is that they, apparently, do not exercise adequate supervision, otherwise they would surely have found out something."

"The element of surprise is the pirates' principal card, but two can play at that game. Let searching be practically dropped for a time: that is the trap. Then, at the last moment and quite unexpectedly, let the Captain be given instructions to anchor under the protection of the guns at Stonecutters or Lyemun and let the steamer be thoroughly searched. Anyone who jumps overboard can be picked up by the police launches."

In reply to the objection that no one on board would admit guilty knowledge of any arms found concealed on the ship apart from the speaker, he rejoined that it would be quite practicable to investigate the bona fides of everyone on the ship and detain for full investigation any who could not give a satisfactory account of themselves. He added that the unavoidable delay to a steamer here and there was worth placing against the chance of intercepting a pirate gang armed for action.

Those who hold the view that increased Naval patrols are the most effective means of dealing with ever-repeated piracy point, in support of their contention, to the action of the Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser against doubtful characters in the area in which the *Tai Lee* was pirated and in other cases. It is urged that if there were more Naval vessels, which could not be in unison with the Customs cutters, the net might often be drawn more closely and the pirates either discouraged or captured. In either case it would have a salutary effect.

The provision of wireless is regarded as an increasingly necessary installation even on the smallest coasting and river steamers, but to keep the cost within reasonable bounds the wireless operators must be Chinese. We understand that a school for Chinese wireless operators is likely soon to be formed and within a measurable time the small steamers which are the favourite prey of piratical marauders will be in a position to communicate with naval vessels—now practically all fitted with wireless—or with Hongkong, or with whichever port they may be in most immediate contact. A plan favoured by many, to provide against the probable interference by the pirates with the wireless installation, is the communication by vessels at short, regular intervals of particulars of their position. If a message was not received when due it could be assumed that something was wrong, the approximate position of the vessel could be easily worked out from its last reported position, and the nearest naval vessel would hasten to the rescue.

It is also felt that there is much force in "Old Times" suggestion in these columns a day or two ago that the authorities should offer substantial rewards for information leading to the capture of pirates, as they do in the case of smugglers of arms and drugs. In this matter close co-operation should be possible between Hongkong and Canton.

were paraded at the "Water Police Station with 22 others. Both were identified, one by three men and the other by one man. On the afternoon of the same day a further identification parade was held at Victoria Gaol and nineteen persons were paraded including the second, third and fourth defendants. The second defendant was picked out by four persons, including the coxswain, the third defendant by seven persons and the fourth by two.

Mr. Hazlerigg said that a quantity of jewellery which had been found at Canton had also been identified. He also said in conclusion that it would be shown that on 8th December the second defendant changed into Hongkong currency \$6,000 Yuan Shih Khai dollars.

Evidence was then taken for the prosecution. A large number of witnesses will be called and the case will probably last some days.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

GIFTS TO THE HON. MR. IRVING AND MRS. IRVING.

The Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. Irving) was the recipient yesterday of a handsome silver cigar box from the teaching staff and scholars of Saiyingpun Government School in view of his impending retirement. Mr. Irving also received from the hands of the Headmaster (Mr. A. Morris) a gold brooch which he was kindly asked to give to Mrs. Irving who is at present in England.

The occasion on which this presentation was made was the annual prize distribution of the School. The building was bedecked with flags and the large attendance of scholars clearly showed the necessity for the new school building for the Western district now in the course of erection. Those present on the platform were: The Director of Education (Hon. Mr. E. Irving), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh and Mr. U. Rummahn (Members of the Board of Education), Mr. R. A. Forrest and Mr. G. P. de Martin (Inspectors of Schools) and the Headmaster (Mr. A. Morris). In the body of the room there were a number of European ladies and gentlemen, including the Rev. H. V. Copley Moyle, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. J. L. MacPherson and others.

After the Headmaster had read the annual school report, which was punctuated with applause, and the many prizes had been distributed, he said:

Boys, prize givings are occasions of joy and rejoicing for most of us, but I have to sound a note of sincere regret to-day. Mr. Irving, our Director of Education, the gentleman who has just given you your well-merited prizes, will not preside on any of our future "Speech Days." Last year we were honoured with the presence of Mrs. Irving who graced our proceedings before leaving for home, and bidding the Colony farewell. Mr. Irving is leaving Hongkong soon, retiring from the Government service. For the last nineteen years I have known him as the Head of our Education Department. He has watched with paternal care and solicitude our school grow, our efforts in the cause of education, and as you say in Chinese: "has been a good friend of this school." I take it as a great compliment to our school that he, himself, is here to-day, but at the same time I am sorry that he will not be here to see the inauguration of the new Saiyingpun School, in the details of which he has greatly interested himself. Shortly we have to wish him good-bye and "God-speed."

This parting time comes to each one of us. Before the year is out, some of you will have written your last exercise here, worked your last problem, passed your last examination. A few weeks ago I said farewell to 33 of our senior boys—boys unmatched anywhere—and I am confident that these occasions are times of genuine regret to each one. In wishing you "Adieu" Sir, be assured that you carry with you to England the good wishes of all of us—pupils and staff. To Mrs. Irving please convey our best wishes also. May God of His infinite goodness grant you long life, health, and happiness to enjoy with your family the years of your retirement in the Old Country. Now Sir, on behalf of our school and as a memento of this occasion I have to ask your acceptance of this souvenir.

The Hon. Mr. Irving, replying, said that before he thanked the Headmaster and scholars for their magnificent presents, he would like to compliment Mr. Morris and the school upon its very satisfactory condition as illustrated and made clear to the public by the report and, as was well-known to his Department, by any report at all. Looking back over a period of 22 years in which he could remember the school he could think of many extraordinary changes which had taken place. He could remember when the school was housed in part of the building down-stairs (there was no upper floor then). The total staff of teachers then was three Chinese masters and the then Headmaster was Mr. Fung Fo, now on pension, who was an example of the old proverb that "pensioners are long lived." He had set him (Mr. Irving) an example. (Laughter.) The teaching staff of the school at present was 15, of whom six were English. Mr. Morris had said in his report there were only 14, so he must have mislaid one of them. (Laughter.)

Mr. Morris: Myself. (More laughter.) Continuing, Mr. Irving said that the rapid progress of the school really dated back to 1905 when Mr. Morris first came to the school. "It had grown in an astonishing way, and if its existence previous to that year might be compared to a butterfly's egg, the next ten years or so might very well be compared to the chrysalis. He was not going to say the butterfly—for that was to come when the new school in Bonham Road would be completed. He ventured to prophesy two things for the new school. It would become the most important school in the

Western district and probably the most important "practising school" from here to Hankow. He wished Mr. Morris and the new school every success when they entered their new building.

The Hon. Mr. Irving, then, on behalf of his wife and himself, thanked the Headmaster and scholars for their handsome presents. His wife was greatly interested in the school and he was certain that the pretty brooch would be a lasting memento. As for himself he would, on a Summer or Autumn evening, whilst at home think of the school prize givings and the good work that was being done in Hongkong, and he would always remember Saiyingpun School when he went to his sideboard where the cigar box would have the place of honour. "I shall take out a cigar," concluded Mr. Irving, "and it shall be smoked on the altar of old acquaintanceship." (Loud applause.)

Cheers for the Director of Education and the Headmaster brought the proceedings to a close.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following are extracts from the annual report:—

"The average attendance for the year under review was 394.7 and the percentage 97.7 which constitutes a record. The school has remained full throughout the year and large numbers—hundreds in fact—have been refused admission through the limited accommodation of our present building. We look forward hopefully to the opening of our new school the foundations of which are approaching completion."

"The teaching staff now consists of three vernacular masters, six local English teaching masters, and five experienced Europeans. Here, I would like to tender my sincere thanks for the whole-hearted manner in which my staff has supported me and co-operated in all that has appertained to the welfare of the school, for we work under exacting and trying conditions—in an industrial and noisy area, and on the edge of a busy thoroughfare."

"The general standard of efficiency has been maintained: Map drawing, handwriting, English conversation and composition call for special mention. All the students of Class 4A, thirty-four in number, succeeded in passing the qualifying entrance examination to Class 3, Queen's College."

"The tone and discipline are excellent. Football, volley-ball, and swimming are the principal recreations. Our volley-ball team which won the Junior Shield did not lose a single game, and scored to its credit the maximum number of possible points. One hundred and twenty attended the swimming classes at the Y.M.C.A. and acquired the art which they were able to practice further at the launch and bathing picnics which are as popular as at the time of their inception, nearly twenty years ago. I attach great importance to these outings, for they supplement the teaching of the class-room and bring pupil and teacher into a more intimate relationship, enabling the one to understand the other better."

"Through the generosity of our esteemed friend and patron, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, we have been able to continue the activities of our Scout Troop which spent a week in camp at Tseung Kow, there have been field days at Fanling, Shatin, Sheung Shui, and other places in the New Territory. In this connection we have to tender our thanks to Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Dr. Wan Man Kwai, Messrs. C. H. Benson, Chan Harr, Woo Hay Tong, and Lui Lai Sang, who have made donations to the camp expenses. Our Scouts assisted in the recent vaccination campaign also. Mr. Leung Yuk Tong, our Scout Master, although transferred to another school, still maintains his interest in the Troop, and is assisted by Mr. Keng Kam Chuen, who is on our staff."

"The 'Old Boys' Ambulance Division' under the able guidance of Sergt. Leung Sui Sang, has performed much useful night work during the vaccination crusade, vaccinating 1,832 persons."

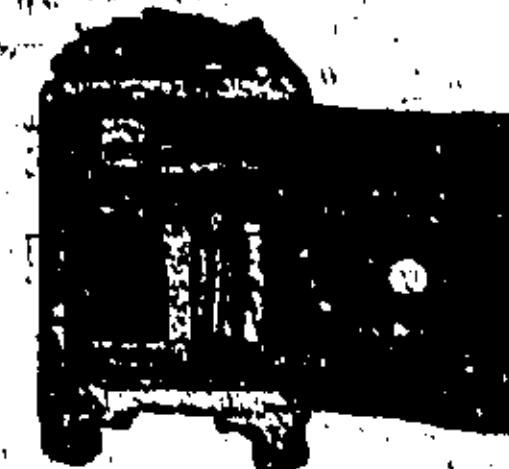
"During October a medical examination was conducted by Dr. Esler. Numerous 'eye' cases were treated and spectacles supplied. Others necessitating operative and indoor treatment were entered for at the Government Civil Hospitals, to the genial and courteous superintendent of which, Dr. McKenny, we offer our best thanks. To Dr. Tsui Hin Young of the Western Dispensary we are greatly indebted."

"The school continues to serve a useful purpose as the 'Practising School' for the University Education Undergraduates."

"On October 31st, we mercifully escaped what might have been a serious calamity had it occurred during school hours. The nullah which passes under Room 1, was choked during the unprecedented rainfall of that date, and burst through the floor, sweeping everything before it—cupboards, desks, doors, and massive granite coping stones, some of which were washed as far as No. 7 Police Station."

"The names of fourteen past pupils appear among the successful candidates at the recent University examinations. In the Matriculation examination Yau Fung Hon gained a distinction in physics and went to Queen's College as an Alan Morris Memorial Scholar. In the Senior examination there was one pass. In the Junior examination there were twelve—one of whom, Cheng Yu Man, also holding an Alan Morris Memorial Scholarship, gained no less than five distinctions."

"Referring to the donors of 'Special Prizes' a significant and encouraging feature is the large proportion of past pupils and guardians who have contributed this year."



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BRITISH CABINET.

FURTHER APPOINTMENTS.

NEW CABINET AT WORK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 23rd.

The following additional Ministerial appointments have been made:—
 Minister of Pensions Mr. F. O. ROBERTS
 Attorney-General Mr. PATRICK HASTINGS, K.C.
 Solicitor-General Mr. H. H. SLESSER
 Financial Secretary to the Treasury Mr. WILLIAM GRAHAM
 Financial Secretary to the War Office Mr. J. J. LAWSON
 Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Whip Mr. BEN SPOON

UNDER-SECRETARIES.

War Major C. R. ATTLEE
 Colonies Mr. SYDNEY ARNOLD
 Foreign Affairs Mr. ARTHUR PONSONBY
 India Professor ROBERT RICHARDS
 Home Mr. RHYA JOHN DAVIES
 Air Mr. WILLIAM LEACH
 Scottish Health Mr. JAMES STEWART

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES.

Admiralty Mr. C. G. AMMON
 Agriculture Mr. WALTER R. SMITH
 Board of Trade Mr. A. V. ALEXANDER
 Education Mr. ARTHUR GREENWOOD
 Health Miss MARGARET BONDFIELD
 Labour Mr. JOHN JAMES LAWSON
 Mines Mr. SHINWILL
 Overseas Trade Mr. WILLIAM LUNN

All the above are members of the House of Commons, except Mr. Slessor and Mr. Arnold.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

Mr. F. O. ROBERTS, the Minister of Pensions, is a Labour member for West Bromwich. He was educated at the national school at East Haddon. By trade he is a compositor. He is a member of the Local Advisory Committee (Labour), Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee (advisory), a member of the Executive Council of the Typographical Association, the Northern War Savings Executive, Northampton War Pensions Committee, Secretary Northampton Branch of the Lifelong Institute, Secretary of the Midland District Typographical Association, and honorary life Vice-President of the Northampton Labour Party.

Mr. PATRICK HASTINGS, K.C., the Attorney-General, represents Wallasey in the Labour interest. He was called to the Bar of Middle Temple in 1904. Previous to his experience as a mining engineer and also as a journalist.

Mr. H. H. SLESSER, Solicitor-General, stood as Labour Candidate for Leeds Central and was defeated. Beyond that he is unknown to us.

Mr. WILLIAM GRAHAM, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is a Labour member for the Central Division of Edinburgh. He was educated at the public school, George Heriot's school, Edinburgh, and Edinburgh University. Before going to the University he had worked as a junior clerk in the War Office, and later as a journalist in Edinburgh and South Scotland. He entered Edinburgh University in 1911, when he was 24 years of age. He gained the M.A. degree with honours in 1917. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Income Tax in 1919, member of the Speaker's Conference on Devolution, 1918-20, has taken a leading part particularly in Scottish legislation; lectured and written largely in newspapers on social, industrial and economic questions. He has been an office-bearer in the Edinburgh Fabian Society since 1911.

Mr. JOHN JAMES LAWSON, Financial Secretary to the War Office, is a Labour member for Chester-le-Street. He was educated at a local school and commenced work as a miner in Durham at twelve years of age. He served in the war as a driver in the R.F.A. He was returned in 1922 by a majority of 10,961, and at the recent election by a majority of 13,697.

Mr. BEN SPOON, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Whip, is a Labour member for Bishop Auckland. All we know of him is that he was Commissioner of the Y.M.C.A. for the Mediterranean and Salonica during the war. He was returned to Parliament in the election with a majority of 6,642.

Major C. R. ATTLEE, Under Secretary for War, represents Stoney Limhouse in the Labour interest. He was returned at the last election with his majority increased from 1,899 to 6,155. He is a barrister-at-law and a lecturer in local Science at the Union School of Economics.

Mr. SYDNEY ARNOLD, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, sat as a Liberal for many years representing the Holmfirth Division of the West Riding. He had been Parliamentary Private Secretary to the President of the Board of Education since 1914. He is now Treasurer of the N.W. Counties Branch of the Free Trade Union and of the Ninety-five Clubs.

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Mr. MORGAN JONES, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, is the Labour member for Cynephilly (Glamorgan). Formerly a schoolmaster, he was imprisoned during the war as a conscientious objector.

Mr. WILLIAM LEACH, Under-Secretary for Air, is a Labour member for Bradford Central. He is a Bradford worsted manufacturer and has taken a prominent part in Bradford municipal affairs.

Professor ROBERT RICHARDS (Under-Secretary for India) is the Labour member for Wrexham.

Mr. RHYA JOHN DAVIES, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, has represented Westhoughton in Parliament in the Labour interest for some years. He is Secretary of the National Union of Distribution and Allied Workers and a member of Manchester City Council.

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LATEST CABLES.

NEW CABINET AT WORK.
PRESSING PROBLEMS.

LONDON, January 23rd.

A communique states that a meeting of the new Cabinet lasted two hours. Preliminary decisions were taken as regards a number of questions, including unemployment, housing, and agriculture, and matters affecting ex-Servicemen, with a view to affecting immediate improvements in the administration and working out details of a policy to be announced when Parliament meets.

A NEW CABINET SYSTEM.

LONDON, January 24th.

An interesting innovation in the Cabinet system was agreed to at yesterday's Cabinet meeting in the shape of a plan for small committees to deal with separate phases of the domestic policy and prepare schemes for decision by the full Cabinet. This will enable the latter to devote time to broad policy.

STOCK EXCHANGE CONFIDENT.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The Stock Exchange opened with confidence.

The disposition of the Cabinet appointments are viewed favourably.

"Gilt-edged" securities were 1 per cent. above those of yesterday.

At the close, Consols were 103, War Loan 92, and Railways were 1 to 1 higher.

Industrialists participated in the rise. "HOPE OF THE WHITE RACE."

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.

Mr. Victor Berger, the only Socialist member of Congress, has called his congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, adding: "To-day Americanism and Capitalism have come to mean the same thing. The working-class of Great Britain are the hope of the white race and the world. Therefore, 'Down with the Versailles Treaty'."

NEW PREMIER'S WARNING TO
INDIAN AGITATORS.

BOMBAY, January 24th.

The constitution of the British Ministry is generally acclaimed as an able well-qualified combination. A Hindu Madras daily newspaper publishes a message from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald pleading for reason and goodwill between India and Great Britain and declaring that "no party in Britain will be cowed by threats of force or policies designed to bring the Government to a standstill, and if any Indian sections imagine otherwise events will sadly disappoint them."

REVOLUTIONARY CONSPIRACY
IN BENGAL.THE GOVERNOR'S APPEAL TO
THE LEGISLATURE.

CALCUTTA, January 24th.

In the legislature the Governor referred to the revival of revolutionary conspiracy and explained the Government's use of emergency measures in order to strike at the leaders. His Excellency commented on the fact that notice had been given of resolutions recommending the release of political prisoners. Lord Lytton said he did not doubt that the whole public opinion of Bengal would support the Government's action, if they knew the facts. He did not believe any member of Council would demand the release of the men at present interned if they believed they were guilty of organising robbery and murder. His Excellency announced that the Government had submitted its case to the impartial examination of two Judges who concluded that the existence of a revolutionary conspiracy was clearly established, and the active participation of every man detained proved. The Governor strongly appealed to the Council to support the Government's efforts to prevent Bengal reverting to the anarchy of the past.

DYNASTIC QUESTION IN
GREECE.GOVERNMENT PROPOSES
PLEBISCITE.

ATHENS, January 24th.

The National Assembly met last evening. The galleries were crowded and the Royal box was thrown open to people unable to find seats in the galleries. M. Venizelos, who was tremendously applauded, stated that the Government was of opinion that the only means of solving the dynastic question was by a plebiscite.

This declaration aroused protests from Republicans.

M. Papanastasiou proposed bills to overthrow the Dynasty and establish a Republic.

M. Venizelos, interrupting, said if people were allowed to choose their own regime and favoured a Republic he would tell the people there was no occasion to fear external dangers in connection with the dynastic question.

LATEST CABLES.

HOME RAILWAY STRIKE.
FINANCIAL HELP FROM
AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, January 24th.

The Railway Companies regard the position as about the same. Certain industries are feeling the increased effects of the strike. Over 100,000 miners in South Wales and 6,000 in the Lothians are idle.

The Railway Managers this morning replied to the request of the Executive of the Locomotives' Society for a fresh conference and this is being considered by the executive. Mr. Bromley stated that the reply still refused to recognise the findings of the National Wages Board as other than a compulsory arbitration award. Mr. Bromley claimed that the strikers' position is strengthening and mentioned the receipt of a telegram from the Federation of Engineers in Australia offering the utmost financial assistance, which the executive decided to accept.

EARLIER CABLES.

INDUSTRY SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK EXPRESS.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The railway strike position is easier in London this morning, there being a fair number of trains running. Further Welsh collieries have been rendered idle.

The defection among the N.U.R. members is increasing at Carlisle, where a joint strike committee has been formed.

The dislocation of industry in South Wales, owing to the strike, has become worse. It is estimated that over 80,000 colliers are now idle.

The strike committee claim that 150 N.U.R. locomotive men at Derby have joined the strike.

London and North-Eastern Railway officials report an attempt to interfere with the express from Glasgow to Edinburgh this morning. Pieces of wood and a heavy coping stone were found on the line near Bishopcleeve. A goods train preceding the express cleared the obstruction without damage.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES
RESIGNS TRADE UNION OFFICE.

Mr. J. H. Thomas has resigned the political secretaryship of the N.U.R.

PARTIAL HOLD-UP OF SHIPPING
THREATENED.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The railway managers are meeting secretly to consider the locomotive men's request for a conference.

Meanwhile the strike continues to affect industry in various parts of the country and has led to a serious shortage of coal at Liverpool, where cargo boats have already been delayed. A partial hold-up of shipping is threatened and a large oilmill has closed down. Work at Hull Docks is practically at a standstill and some large coalpits at Doncaster are partially idle. It is feared that thousands of miners in South Yorkshire will be idle by the end of the week failing an improvement in the situation.

The railway managers' meeting adjourned without arriving at a decision with regard to the locomotive men's request for a joint conference.

GERMAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The strike of German seamen has extended to Middlesbrough. The strikers are receiving pay from the Sailors' Union. The freemen have posted pickets. Three ships have been held up and others will probably be delayed.

OCCUPIED GERMAN
TERRITORIES.GARRISON COSTS TOO GREAT
FOR GERMANY.

BERLIN, January 23rd.

The President of the Board of Directors of the Rentenbank has informed the Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs that the stabilisation of German currency cannot be effected if it is necessary to continue to pay the costs of the garrisons in occupied territories. These costs cannot be met by loans or available resources, and the attempt to meet them would lead to further inflation. The Ministers have promised to submit the matter to the Cabinet.

FRANCE BARS FOREIGN
LUXURIES.

NEW STABILISATION MOVE.

PARIS, January 23rd.

M. Poincaré has tabled a Bill authorising the prohibition of importation of foreign goods not corresponding to national necessities, with a view to the restoration of the franc.

LATEST CABLES.

NETHERLAND DISCOUNT
RATES INCREASED.

AMSTERDAM, January 24th.

The Bank of the Netherlands has increased the rate of discount from 4 to 5 per cent., and on securities from 5 to 5½ per cent.

EARLIER CABLES.

NEW DUTCH MINING
COMPANY.

THE HAGUE, January 23rd.

The Government proposes to introduce a Bill in Parliament for the promotion of a mining company to be known as "Billiton, Limited," to carry on the mining business of the existing Billiton Company, whose concession expires on April 30th, 1927. The Government will have a predominant interest in the new Company.

RUSSIA IN MOURNING.

AN ANNUAL LENIN DAY.

RIGA, January 23rd.

A message from Moscow states that the 21st inst., when Lenin died, has been declared an annual day of mourning. Theatres and other places of amusement have been ordered to close for a week.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MORE PAY FOR U.S.
RAILWAYMEN.

NEW YORK, January 23.

The central railway lines have agreed to raise the wages of 15,000 engineers and firemen by approximately five per cent.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LIQUOR
TREATY SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.

Sir Auckland Geddes and Mr. Hughes signed the Liquor Treaty, which, however, requires the ratification of the Senate.

The treaty may be terminated on three months' notice after a twelve-month.

One clause provides that if, owing to a judicial decision or legislative action, its terms are modified, the whole treaty shall be abrogated.

Provision is also made for a joint commission to settle claims for compensation where a British vessel suffers loss or injury through an unreasonable or improper exercise of the rights conferred by the treaty.

U.S. ARCTIC PLANS.

CANADA AND THE AIRSHIP TRIP.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.

A message from Ottawa states that the Government has requested the British Embassy at Washington to keep it fully posted regarding the United States plans for the airship trip to the Arctic, where Canada claims vast areas by reason of adjacency and exploration.

HAPPENINGS IN MEXICO.

BLOCKADE REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.

The Mexican revolutionary leaders have informed the United States Consul at Vera Cruz that they have decided to raise the blockade of Tampico.

The Mexican Embassy is officially advised that the entire rebel line on the Jalisco front has collapsed.

REBELS' LATEST MOVE.

The rebels, while nominally respecting American protests and affirming that the blockade is technically lifted, will declare a zone for naval warfare off Tampico through which merchant ships will pass at their own risk.

It is stated that President Coolidge regards the allegations in connection with the leasing of the oil lands so seriously that he has instructed the Attorney-General closely to follow the proceedings of the Senate Investigation Committee, with a view to taking criminal proceedings if justified.

FATALITIES ON U.S. CRUISER.

SKIPPER AND TWO WIRELESS
OPERATORS KILLED.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.

The United States Consul at Vera Cruz reports that Captain Sparrow and two wireless operators of the cruiser Tacoma, were accidentally killed whilst performing their duties in a storm.

SHORT.

BRITISH GOLFERS WIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 23rd.

Havers and Ockendon defeated the local professionals Nagle and Novak by five and four over 36 holes.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING CABINET SETTLES DOWN
TO BUSINESS.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

PEKING, January 24th.

Wang Kuo Ming (Finance Minister) and Chang Kuo Kan (Minister of the Interior) have assumed office. They attended a meeting of the Cabinet this morning at which the Cabinet's first real business was transacted.

The meeting resolved to draw up a mandate instructing the provinces and administrative areas to turn their attention seriously to the suppression of opium and the cultivation of the traffic, and ordering the Foreign, War and Interior Ministers to co-operate in drawing up a definite and workable plan for it.

TROUBLE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, January 24th.

More than a hundred Colorms have escaped from Bucas Island to Surigao, where they are blockading the line from Paoay to Manila. A constabulary patrol, comprising a captain and a dozen men, are cut off and their fate is unknown. The Colorms are rapidly recruiting followers on the mainland spreading riot, murder and pillage. The prospects are that United States troops will be called out.

CONSTABULARY LAND UNDER
MACHINE-GUN BARRAGE.

LATER.

Aided by machine-gun barrage from the U.S.S. Sacramento a hundred constabulary, under Colonel C. H. Bowers, landed on Bucas Island at eight o'clock yesterday morning and charged the trenches of the Colorms whom they routed completely. One constabulary man was killed. The Colorm loss is unknown. Two dead and two wounded were found. Colonel Bowers immediately reboarded the Sacramento after burning the Colorm town, fearing weather conditions would force the Sacramento from the coast.

MOROS KILL NINE DUTCH SUBJECTS.

LATER.

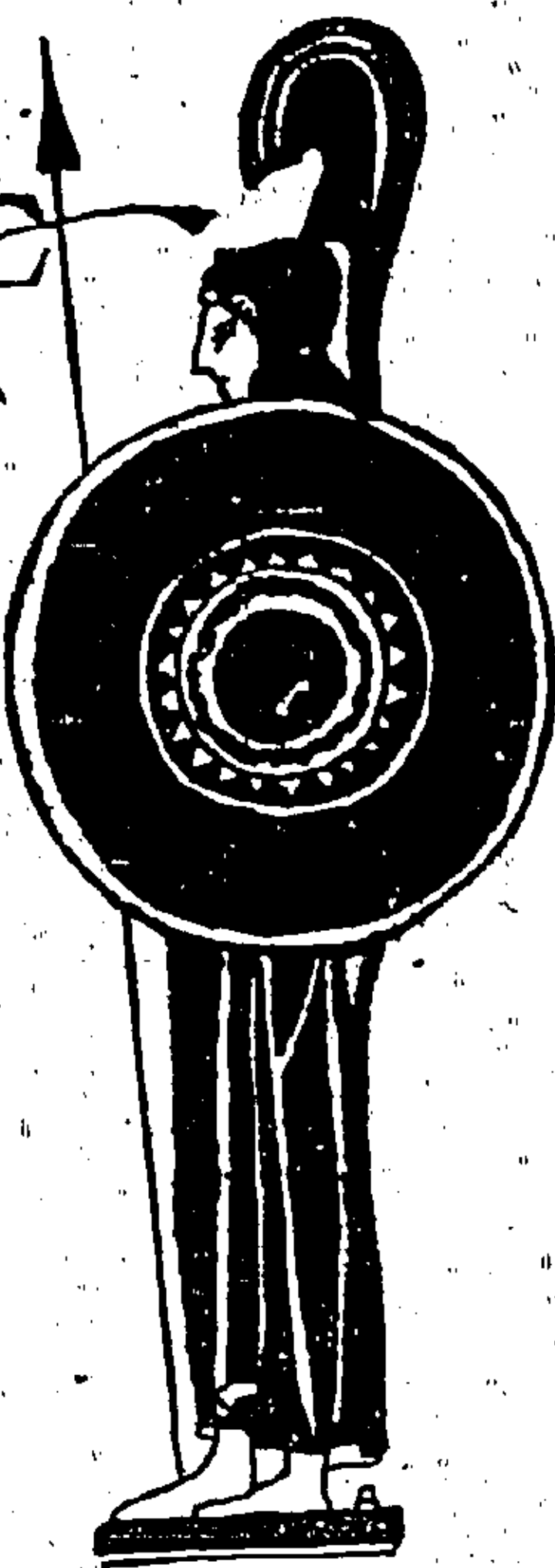
The constabulary report states that two Moros from Siasi Islands, Mindanao, killed nine Dutch subjects and wounded nineteen aboard a Dutch vessel and then jumped overboard. The Dutch shot at them and killed both. Both were followers of Panglima Sapudin, the Moro chief, who is ostensibly fishing in the Celebes. While there Sapudin's men had an altercation with the natives who wounded two Moros. The latter were taken aboard the Dutch steamer, whereupon they ran amuck. Sapudin and his band were arrested by the Dutch for "followers of crime" (sic). Governor-General Wood intervened and secured their release and return to the Philippines.

LONG-DISTANCE WIRELESS
TESTS.SENATOR MARCONI ON AN
ENTIRELY NEW SYSTEM.

Senator Marconi presided on December 3rd at the twenty-sixth annual meeting of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd., held at the Connaught Rooms. In the course of his speech he alluded to important tests with what he said might be rightly considered an entirely new system of long-distance communication. This system was, he believed, destined to bring about somewhat of a revolution in the methods hitherto employed for communicating by wireless the electric waves. According to this system the electric waves which carried the messages were projected and propagated in a beam in any desired direction only, instead of being allowed to spread around in all directions. Communication had been successfully carried out on this system between England and many places abroad, including St. Vincent (Cape Verde Islands), up to a distance of 2,220 nautical miles. The employment of only a fraction of the electrical energy hitherto found necessary to cover such distances, Senator Marconi also referred to the British Broadcasting Company, and said that, although it had been in operation only a year, its work had been admirably done. He thought he could safely say that the company was to-day second to none. Over 500,000 licences for receiving sets had already been issued, and this number was growing daily. Broadcasting provided amusement, information, and education, and he felt certain it had come to stay.

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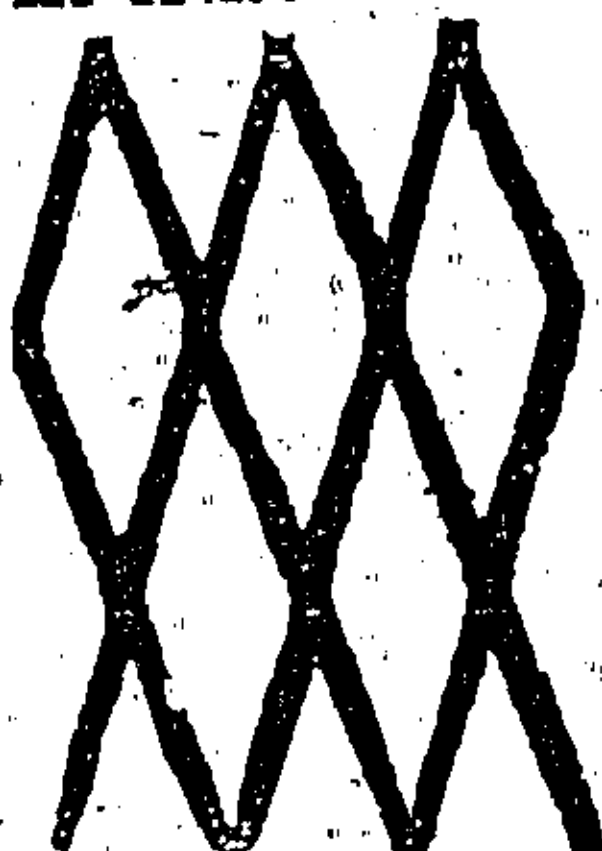
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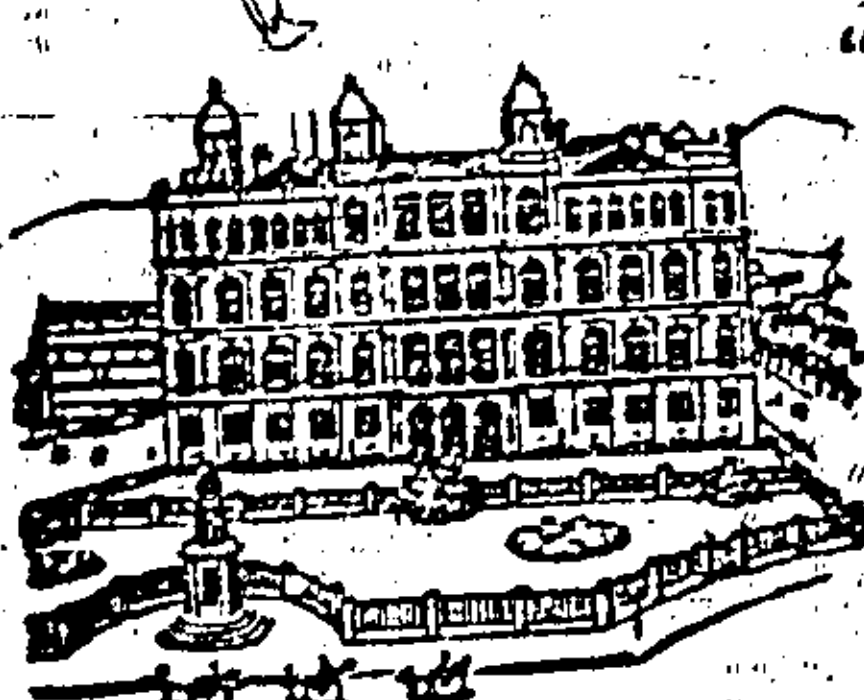
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CARDINAL'S DRASTIC DECREE.

A somewhat drastic pastoral letter has been issued at Quebec by Cardinal Bégin, head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Canada. In this pastoral Cardinal Bégin condemns dancing, and warns the faithful that confessors will regard a violation of his decree as a grievous offence. The decree specifically condemns many modern dances as lascivious, naming the tango, fox-trot, the turkey trot, the camel trot, the shimmy, the cheek to cheek, the one-step, the two-step, and other similar dances, and also the polka and the waltz, which the Cardinal's pastoral declares, is lasciviously danced now. He continues: "We strongly condemn these dances as direct occasions of sin, and we expressly forbid them throughout the whole diocese, so that if anyone—which may God forbid—should dare to indulge in them or permit them to be danced in his house, that person would commit a grave sin of disobedience."

Cardinal Bégin's pastoral also condemns the illicit manufacture, sale, and smuggling of liquor, and warns the faithful against certain classes of moving pictures and dramas, and announces that special instructions have been issued to parish priests and members of the clergy regarding the modest dress. He also cautions Catholics against non-religious social clubs, which may bring religious and national indifference. This pastoral, which has been read in all churches in the Quebec archdiocese, is expected to be the prelude to similar documents in other dioceses of Quebec Province, and possibly throughout Canada, by the Roman Catholic authorities. It was prepared at the recent Synod of the Catholic hierarchy at Quebec, presided over by Cardinal Bégin. Coming shortly before the Christmas and New Year festivities, the pastoral created consternation in social circles, with the result that many public balls and private dances arranged at Quebec and other places in the archdiocese were cancelled.

A CONGRESS ON HAIR.

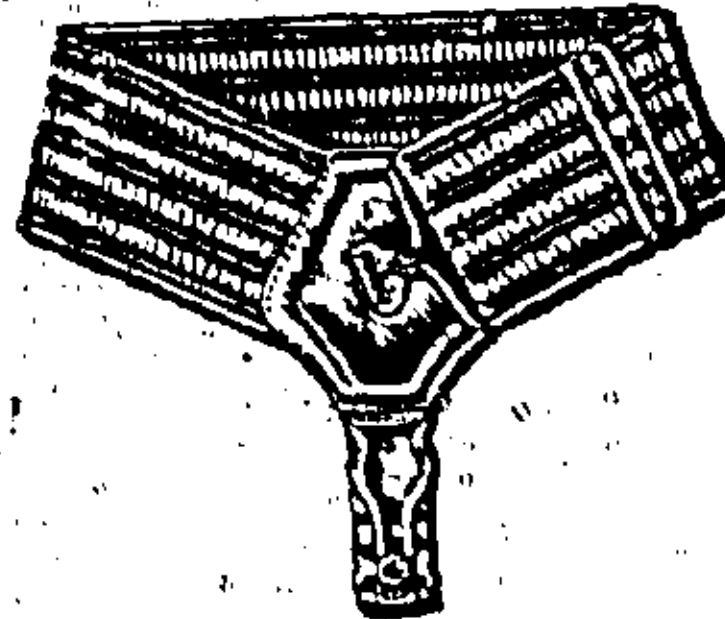
These are difficult times. All people who prefer a quiet life must yearn for the restoration of authority. Existence was much simpler, much easier, in the days when we were despotically ruled by fashion, convention, and custom. Now that in manners and clothes, to take only two examples, there is a larger liberty, and many do that which is right in their own eyes, the results are harassing to the sensitive. Therefore we are prepared to welcome heartily the efforts of the Congress of French Hairdressers to enforce new laws on our antinomians. It will not be denied that this matter of the hair is of the first importance. The modern anarchy of the coiffure has destroyed all our trusted standards, even our trusted jokes. Of old no jibe at the revolting about men who wore their hair long and women who wore their hair short. But now we might almost as well talk of men who wear trousers and women who wear skirts. When we see our modern young barbarians at play for their Universities their byzantine locks toss on the wind. They may not all be Absaloms but they permit themselves a length of hair which thirty years since undergraduates would have dealt with as the mark of the beast. Their sisters, determined some time ago to maintain a becoming distinction between the sexes by wearing their hair short, and though there has been no doubt some change of heart, though many variations on the original theme of "bobbing" are to be discerned, the old comfortable principle that men have short hair and women long remains in collapse. The Congress of French Hairdressers stands for the ancient faith. Henceforth, they say, no woman shall be bobbed. But they are prepared to temper the wind to short-lamb. For those who, having been bobbed, will be for a while in an intermediate, indeterminate stage, they recommend three styles—the Directoire, the Louis Philippe, and the Empress Eugénie. The charms of these may be best appreciated by a study of family portraits. The first is of a classical pattern, the second and third demand ringlets of diverse arrangements. We hope, rather than expect, that the decrees of the congress may be obeyed. It is a sad thing, but the pictures of grandmothers seldom inspire in the young an admiration for their tangle.—Daily Telegraph.

LADY TERRINGTON'S ELECTION KISSES.

"I really think the women put me into Parliament," declared Lady Terrington, M.P., in an address to the Six-Point Group in London on December 17th on her election experiences. "I know the men were very kind to me because I was kissed by dozens—(laughter)—but it was not so much a question of being kissed by them as really changing their opinions." Lady Terrington emphasised the importance of electing women to Parliament to promote legislation protecting young children from assault and providing mothers with the same right over their children as the fathers possessed. In her campaign she was appalled at the ignorance of people who never thought about what was good for them or the country, and she felt she obtained more votes by going to the doors of the people and teaching them than by anything else. Lady Terrington said if she were lucky in the ballot for Private Members' Bills, she would introduce votes for women at the age of 21. "After all," she said, "some women of 21 are mothers."

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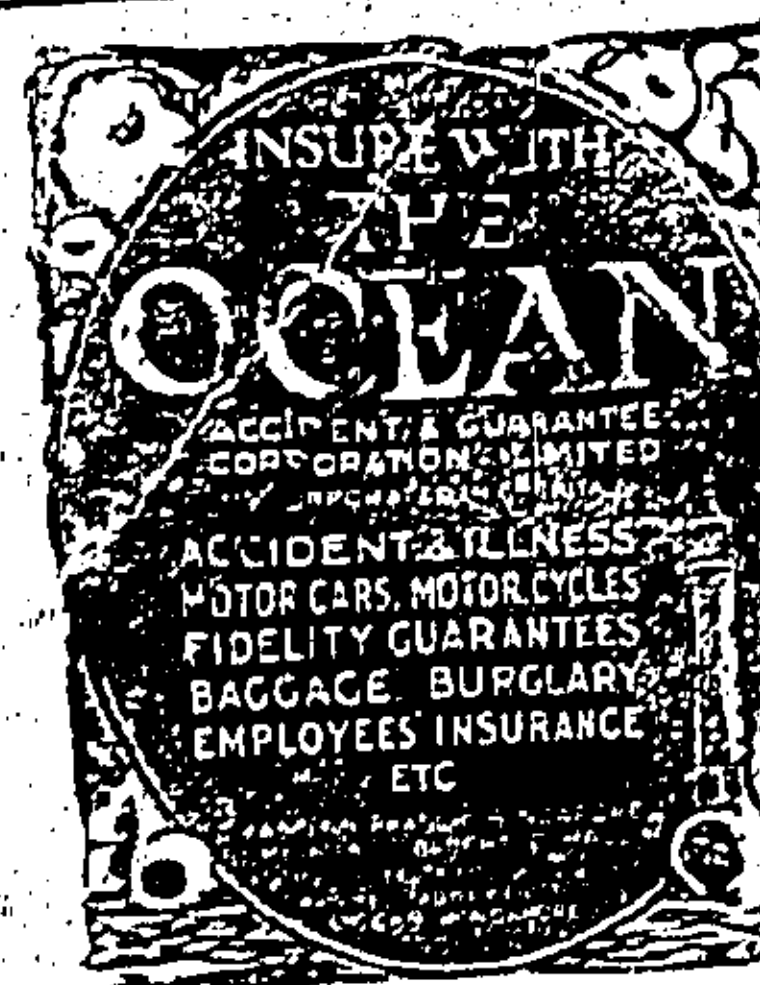


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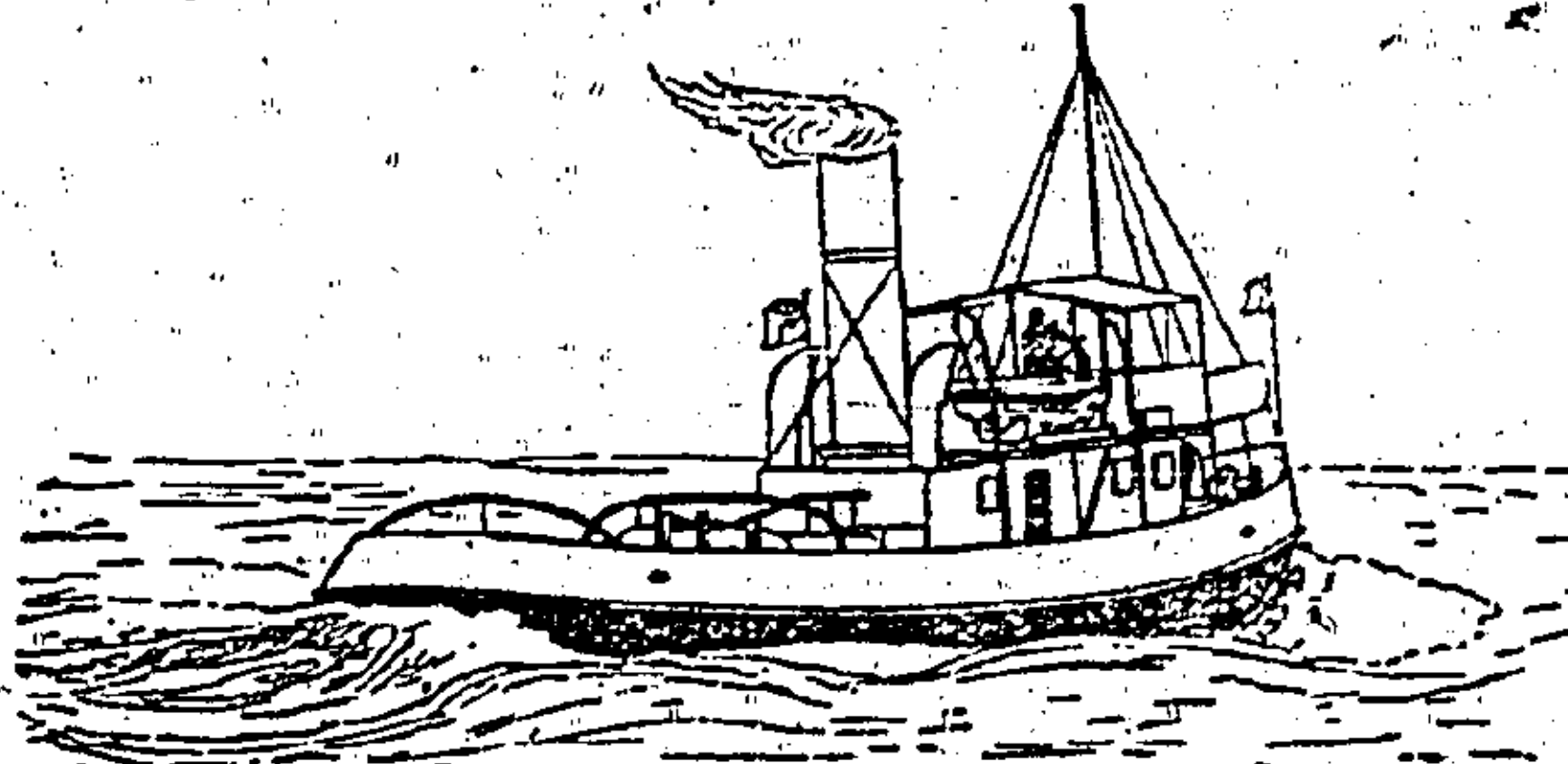
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PRESTIGE OF THE PRESS.

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON ITS PRIVILEGES.

Lord Birkenhead was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on December 13th, organized by the working journalists of the city and district in aid of the benevolent funds of the Newspaper Press Fund and the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the National Union of Journalists. Lord Derby presided.

In proposing the toast of "The Press and its Charities," Lord Birkenhead said:-

There is this one point of identity in the professions of the Bar, the Stage and Journalism: in any one of these a young man can start without any capital. At the Bar the patrimony of our Inns of Court has established the necessity of paying some paltry charges which, nevertheless, I had to borrow money in order to pay when I was a beginner—(laughter)—but when once those are discharged all you have to do is to pay some old and preferably declining barrister to allow you to paint your name on his door, and beyond that very little capital is needed. The cases, even more closely allied, of the Stage and Journalism are similar. Both offer to those who succeed what I may call, in a convenient phrase which I used the other day and which has been both episcopally and nationally misunderstood (laughter), "glittering prizes." A man may start in literature or journalism, as Robert Louis Stevenson once said, by paying the rent or half the rent of an attic and buying a few sheets of manuscript paper, a pen, and some ink. That is all very well for a man who has great gifts, who has in his very blood, the appeal of journalism. I have known enough of journalists to say that; indeed, I have almost been one myself. But it must never be forgotten that, when one is choosing one's career, the critical and fateful decisions are generally made in the lives of men at an age when they hardly have the maturity or the experience to reach the conclusion which perhaps they would make in the long perspective of 50 or 60. A youth of 17 or 19 has to make the choice, and at that time of life perhaps the very sound of "being a journalist" has an attraction.

PRIVILEGES OF THE PROFESSION.
Just think of the privileges of journalism. How much more advantageous it is to be a journalist than to be a politician. If you are a statesman you are expected, even in this indulgent age, to say the same things, shall we say, for at least eight weeks at a time; but if you are a newspaper man no one ever expects you to say the same thing for two days running together. (Laughter.) It really is, I conceive, the most admirable situation which an imperfect world affords to a perfect man. If he acquires the control of three or four newspapers he can be in favour of tariff reform one day, of protection the next, on another day he can say: "If only the had been the full programme how gladly I would have supported it," and on yet another he can say: "No, on the whole I don't think your food will cost you any more." It is far more difficult, though not impossible, for politicians to go through the same stage quite so rapidly.

While the prizes are high, however, and while there is always room at the top, as they say—an expression which has always worried me—it seems to me an extremely foolish observation—it is certainly also true, and for my immediate argumentative purpose let me say this, there is always room enough at the bottom. What we have to consider is the great and pathetic number of those who start this difficult and thorny career with such high hopes and with so little means, having regard to the age at which their decision must be taken, of measuring the comparative literary and journalistic valuations in the midst of which they must be thrown; and who, as the prize of considerable intelligence, but not often favoured with very great education, have the misfortune to be cut down and leave dependents for whom they have had no real chance of accumulating such savings as will provide those dependents with the means of livelihood. It is the same in the case of other professions—the Stage, the Bar, with them, as with you of the journalistic profession, it has been adequately and generously realized that of those who meet with success and who adequately maintain themselves, there are few who cannot make some small contribution to the relief of the difficulties or the necessities of those who have fallen by the way.

I have always looked upon the profession of journalism as a very great one. It is one that in its history has engaged the genius of men as diverse from one another as Dr. Johnson, Mr. Burke, and the author, whoever he may be, of the letters of Junius, to take only some of the great figures of the 18th century; and it has numbered in our age names perhaps less illustrious, such as those of Lord Morley, Mr. Winston Churchill, and myself. (Laughter.) Having, therefore, completely established my purpose, which is to make it plain that through the ages the prestige of this illustrious profession is being worthily preserved, I ask you to rise and drink with enthusiasm and with financial generosity the toast of "The Press and its Charities."

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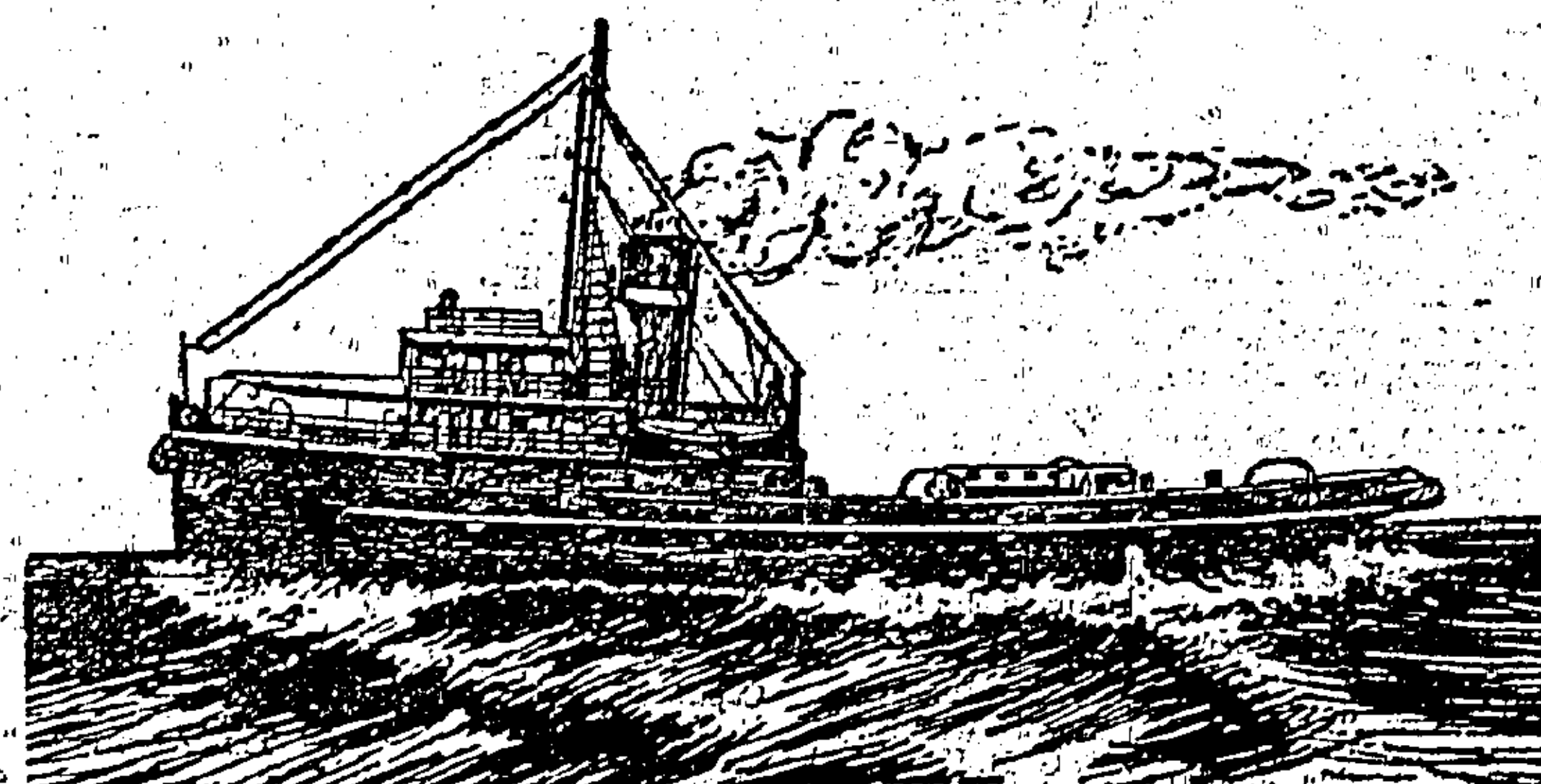
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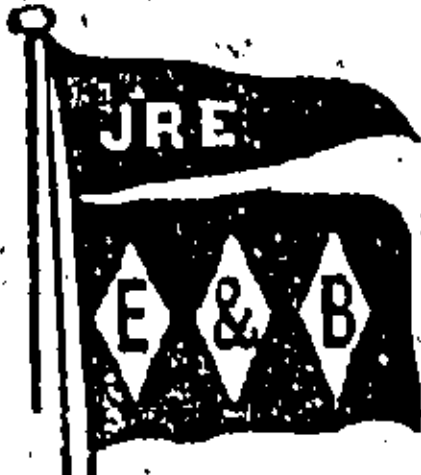
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AMBOISE	28th Dec.	31st Jan.	18th Feb.
GORDILLERE	10th Jan.	10th Feb.	3rd Mar.
ANGERS	24th Jan.	24th Feb.	23rd Mar.
CHILLI			
PONTHOS			

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (Suez)	Destination
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	16th Jan., Noon	Bay, Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	8th Feb.	Bay, Mars., London & Antwerp.
"SOUDAN"	8,696	16th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOEAD"	10,911	23rd Feb.	Bay, Mars., London & Antwerp.
"ALIPORE"	8,375	27th Feb.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"NAGPORE"	8,283	4th March	do.
"PERIM"	7,648	6th March	do.
"KARMALA"	9,068	8th March	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,334	10th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"NALLDERA"	15,893	22nd March	Bay, Mars., London & Antwerp.
"PADUA"	8,807	23rd March	Spore, Colombo & Bombay.
"SICILIA"	8,813	28th March	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"KHAYBER"	9,014	18th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"CHINA"	7,559	do.	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,698	26th April	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"PLASSY"	7,406	17th May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,953	24th May	do.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	Mars., London & Antwerp.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS

"VARINA" 2,120 26th Jan., D.L. (Bangkok only).
 "TORILLA" 5,215 27th Jan., 1 p.m. (Singapore, Penang & Calcutta).
 "JAPAN" 6,052 15th Feb.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS" 4,500 2nd Feb. (Manila, Sandakan, Thursday).
 "EASTERN" 4,000 27th Feb. (Island, Towanville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne).
 "ARAFURA" 8,000 2nd Apr.

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 The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London, via the Panama Canal.

SAILING TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"KARMALA"	9,098	27th Jan., 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	9,866	30th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"PRIMA"	7,848	1st Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	8,696	4th Feb.	Shanghai.
"NALLDERA"	15,893	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	14th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"PADUA"	8,807	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHAYBER"	9,014	23rd Feb.	do.
"NELLORE"	8,853	6th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,559	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	10th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,953	4th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	8,696	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"PLASSY"	7,406	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	2nd May	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MOEAD"	10,911	30th May	do.
"KARMALA"	9,098	13th June	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	do.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passengers for Bangkok must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while waiting on the carrying steamer.

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S.S. "ISLA DE PANAY"	...	...	8th Feb.
S.S. "LEGASPI"	...	...	30th Mar.
S.S. "C. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ"	...	...	17th May.

For SHANGHAI and JAPAN PORTS.

S.S. "LEGASPI"	...	...	12th Mar.
S.S. "C. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ"	...	...	23rd Apr.

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S.S. "GOTHIC PRINCE"	...	...	30th Jan., 1924.
S.S. "SOUTHWESTERN MILLER"	...	...	2nd March
S.S. "MOORISH PRINCE"	...	...	expected 31st March sailing 1st Apr.

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8, George's BuildingCHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Ports	Steamer	Date of Departure
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"NINGPO"	On 25th Jan., Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANCHOW"	On 28th Jan., Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"CHENGTO"	On 29th Jan., Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"HUPH"	On 26th Jan., Noon
SHANGHAI WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"TUNGCHOW"	On 27th Jan., D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 27th Jan., 10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 29th Jan., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 29th Jan., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHIHLE"	On 30th Jan., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 30th Jan., 10 a.m.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 30th Jan., 2 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 31st Jan., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	On 2nd Feb., 4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 2nd Feb., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"ICHANG"	On 4th Feb., 4 p.m.

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"ANNA" sailing on or about 27th Jan.
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FOR BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE

Via SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.

"PERSIA" sailing on or about 18th Feb.
 "ROSANDRA" sailing on or about 9th March.

This steamer has been specially chartered to facilitate the forwarding of cargo intended for the reconstruction of the devastated areas in Japan.

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—via Singapore

Colombo, Swatow and Port Said.

"CELESTES MARU" Wednesday, 9th Feb.
 RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon

Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Capetown.
 "SEATTLE MARU" Friday, 9th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
 "ALPS MARU" (Calls at Penang) Saturday, 9th Feb.

SAIGON, BANGKOK & SINGAPORE.
 "ANDER MARU" Tuesday, 20th Feb.

"KISHU MARU" Friday, 1st Feb.
 CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.

"INDO MARU" Wednesday, 13th Feb.
 VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

"ARIZONA MARU" Monday, 18th Feb.
 NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.

"ALASKA MARU" End of Feb.
 JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Sagaya.

"NANKING MARU" Monday, 28th Jan.
 KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

"KALO MARU" Sunday, 27th Jan., 11 a.m.
 "AMAKUSA MARU" Sunday, 2nd Feb., 11 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
 "SOSHU MARU" Thursday, 31st Jan., 8 a.m.

TAKAO & KEELUNG.
 "BATAVIA MARU" Friday, 6th Feb.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
SHANGHAI ...	Kwangsoo ...	25th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Macedonia ...	25th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Chihli ...	25th Jan.
LONDON, LETTERS via Brindisi, 25th Dec.	Phenicia ...	25th Jan.
AMOI ...	Torilla ...	25th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Foochow ...	26th Jan.
Europe via Suix (Letters and papers)	Kurinala ...	26th Jan.
LONDON 27th Dec. & (Parcels 29th Dec.)	Tauila ...	28th Jan.
Strait ...	Pres. Jackson ...	30th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Harrison ...	4th Feb.
U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Hakunan Maru ...	4th Feb.
STRAITS ...		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mingsan ...	Friday, 25th, 8.30 A.M.
Japan and Honolulu	Rakuyo Maru	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Ningpo	10.30 A.M.
Manila	Kendall Castle	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haifong	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Henderson	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Kewington	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kanchoo	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Warina	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius E. & S. Africa		Parcels 25th, 5.00 P.M.
India, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE		Letters 25th, 9.45 A.M.
via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 23rd Feb.		10.30 A.M.
Manila	Tuansang	10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chongli	10.00 A.M.
Saigon	Hupoh	3.30 P.M.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Loo	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Kamala	Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	9.00 A.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Torilla	9.00 A.M.
Amoy	Kwangsoo	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central	Pres. McKinley	Parcels 28th, 5.00 P.M.
& South America & EUROPE via		Tuesday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.
Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 17th Feb.		Letters 29th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits	Lugan	Tuesday, 29th, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hatching	Noon
Straits and Calcutta	Kachang	1.00 P.M.
Java via Batavia	Tykenburg	2.30 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kachang	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Kia, yuan	Wednesday, 30th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius E. & S. Africa	Suez Maru	Registration 8.45 A.M.
India, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE		Letters 9.30 A.M.
via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 1st March		1.00 P.M.
Manila	Tau	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Soshu Maru	5.00 P.M.
March	Chunyang	Thursday, 31st, 10.30 A.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Haifong	Friday, Feb. 1st, Noon
Swatow Amoy and Foochow	Pres. Jackson	3.30 P.M.
Manila		

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"ANTI OCHUS" 1st MAR. Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

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"EURYBATES" 16th FEB. via Suez and Boston.

"IXION" 21st FEB. via Suez and Boston.

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"TEIRESIAS" 17th MAR. for Singapore & London.

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"PATROCLUS" 19th MAY for Singapore, Marseilles & London.

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Bank Bills, at 4 months sight ...	2 1/4	
Credits, at 4 months sight ...	2 1/4 13/16	
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight ...	2 1/4 15/16	
ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand ...	1,008
Credits, 4 months sight ...	1,153	
ON NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand ...	40 1/2
Credits, at 30 days sight ...	41 1/2	
ON BOMBAY—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	162 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	162 1/2	
ON CALCUTTA—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	162 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	162 1/2	
ON SHANGHAI—	Bank Bills, at sight ...	now.
Private, 30 days sight ...	110 1/2	
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand ...	98 1/2
ON MANILA—	On demand ...	99 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand ...	130
ON BATAVIA—	On demand ...	nom.
ON HONGKONG—	On demand ...	75 1/2
ON SAIGON—	On demand ...	8 1/4
ON BANGKOK—	On demand ...	8 1/4
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate ...	5 1/2	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ...	33 1/2	
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Hongkong, 14th November, 1923. [37]

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

14th Nov. 24, 14th November, 1923. [38]

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1923. [39]

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(TAIWAN CHUO.)

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Capital (Paid-up) ... Yen 52,500,000

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G. KONDOH, Manager.

Hongkong Branch, 4, Des Voeux Street, Hongkong, 16th September, 1923. [40]

THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital ... £3,000,000

Subscribed Capital ... £2,500,000

Paid-up Capital ... £2,000,000

Reserve Fund ... £1,200,000

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HONGKONG BRANCH:

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

N. C. WILSON, Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 25th, 1923. [39]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, PARIS.

Head Office: 96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital, Frs. 72,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital, Frs. 62,400,000.00

Reserve Fund, Frs. 9,600,000.00

BRANCHES:

Bangkok, Batavia, Canton, Ceylon, Hongkong, India, Japan, London, Madras, Manila, Mexico, New York, Penang, Rangoon, Singapore, Siam, Soerabaya, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama.

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Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

C. E. GOY, Manager.

Hongkong, December 1923, 1923. [41]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 10, Des Voeux Road C., HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital ... 5,000,000.00

Reserve Fund ... 600,000.00

DIRECTORS:

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Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son.

Mr. Li Koon Chai.

Mr. Fung Fung Shan.

Mr. E. H. Kwock.

Mr. Ng Chung Lok.

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The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 31st 1923. [42]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid-up) ... Yen 100,000,000

Reserve Fund ... Yen 72,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

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T. NISHIYAMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [43]

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Authorized Capital ... \$50,000,000.00

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Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchanges.

TUYEE FEL, Manager.

Hongkong, September 25th, 1923. [44]